WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

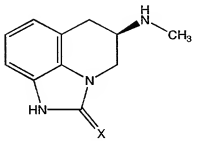
1. A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising (a) at least one agent effective in treatment of sexual dysfunction having a molecular weight, excluding counterions, not greater than 250, in a therapeutically or sexual-stimulatorily effective total amount, and (b) at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient; the dosage form being adapted for delivery by a route of administration that entails interaction with the organs of taste yet having acceptable organoleptic properties.

2. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the at least one agent has a molecular weight, excluding counterions, not greater than 235.

3. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the at least one agent has a molecular weight, excluding counterions, not greater than 220.

4. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the at least one agent has a solubility in water at 20-25°C of at least about 10 g/l.

5. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the at least one agent is a compound having the formula



wherein X is O or S; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the total amount of the at least one agent per dose is lower than an amount causing significant side-effects.

7. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the therapeutic agent is sumanirole or a salt thereof and is present in an amount of about 0.05 mg to about 5 mg per dose.

8. The dosage form of Claim 1 wherein the therapeutic agent is (*R*)-5,6-dihydro-5-(methylamino)-4H-imidazo[4,5-*ij*]-quinoline-2(1H)-thione or a salt thereof and is present in an amount of about 0.05 mg to about 5 mg per dose.

9. The dosage form of Claim 8 wherein the therapeutic agent is present in an amount of about 0.1 to about 3 mg per dose.

10. The dosage form of Claim 1 that is adapted for a route of administration selected from oral, buccal, sublingual, nasal and tracheal routes.

11. The dosage form of Claim 1 that is selected from
(a) buccal and sublingual tablets;
(b) mucoadhesive films;
(c) oral strips;
(d) chewable tablets;
(e) rapidly disintegrating oral dosage forms;
(f) lozenges and pastilles;
(g) breath-fresheners;
(h) chewing gums;
(i) lollipops and popsicles;
(j) food adjuncts;
(k) candies and chocolates;
(l) periodontal gels;
(m) mouthwashes;
(n) oral and nasal drops and sprays;
(o) dosage forms adapted for inhalation as an aerosol or vapor;
(p) elixirs, solutions, suspensions and other orally administered liquid dosage forms;
(q) powders, granules and tablets for dissolution or dispersion in water prior to oral administration; and
(r) effervescent tablets and granules.

12. The dosage form of Claim 1 that is adapted for discreet self-administration.

13. The dosage form of Claim 1 that is adapted for nasal administration.

14. The dosage form of Claim 13 that is formulated as a nasal spray solution.

15. The dosage form of Claim 1 that is adapted for oral, buccal or sublingual administration.

16. The dosage form of Claim 15 that dissolves in the mouth without need for drinking water or other fluid.

17. The dosage form of Claim 15 that is a breath-freshening pastille.

18. The dosage form of Claim 15 that is a chewing gum.

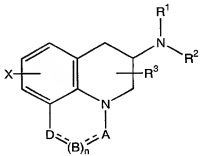
19. The dosage form of Claim 15 that is a sublingual tablet.

20. The dosage form of Claim 15 that is a mucoadhesive film.

21. The dosage form of Claim 15 that is an oral strip.

22. The dosage form of Claim 15 that is an oral fast-melt tablet.

23. A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising (a) a therapeutically or sexual-stimulatorily effective amount of about 0.1 mg to about 10 mg per dose of a therapeutic agent that comprises at least one compound of formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable water-soluble salt thereof, said compound or salt thereof being water-soluble, wherein

R^1, R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are H, C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally phenyl substituted), C_{3-5} alkenyl or alkynyl or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, or where R^3 is as above and R^1 and R^2 are cyclized with the attached N atom to form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, 4-methylpiperazinyl or imidazolyl groups;

X is H, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, C_{1-6} alkyl or alkoxy, CN, carboxamide, carboxyl or (C_{1-6} alkyl)carbonyl;

A is CH, CH_2, CHF, CHCl, CHBr, CHI, $CHCH_3$, C=O, C=S, $CSCH_3$, C=NH, CNH_2, $CNHCH_3$, $CNHCOOCH_3$, CNHCN, SO_2 or N;

B is CH, CH_2, CHF, CHCl, CHBr, CHI, C=O, N, NH or NCH_3, and n is 0 or 1; and

D is CH, CH_2, CHF, CHCl, CHBr, CHI, C=O, O, N, NH or NCH_3;
and (b) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients; the dosage form being adapted for delivery by a route of administration that entails interaction with the organs of taste yet having acceptable organoleptic properties.

24. The dosage form of Claim 23 wherein the water-soluble compound or salt thereof has a solubility in water at 20-25°C of at least about 10 g/l.

25. The dosage form of Claim 23 wherein the water-soluble compound or salt thereof is disclosed generically or specifically in U.S. Patent No. 5,273,975.

26. The dosage form of Claim 23 that is adapted for a route of administration selected from oral, buccal, sublingual, nasal and tracheal routes.

27. The dosage form of Claim 23 that is selected from
(a) buccal and sublingual tablets;
(b) mucoadhesive films;
(c) oral strips;
(d) chewable tablets;
(e) rapidly disintegrating oral dosage forms;
(f) lozenges and pastilles;
(g) breath-fresheners;
(h) chewing gums;
(i) lollipops and popsicles;
(j) food adjuncts;
(k) candies and chocolates;
(l) periodontal gels;
(m) mouthwashes;
(n) oral and nasal drops and sprays;
(o) dosage forms adapted for inhalation as an aerosol or vapor;
(p) elixirs, solutions, suspensions and other orally administered liquid dosage forms;
(q) powders, granules and tablets for dissolution or dispersion in water prior to oral administration; and
(r) effervescent tablets and granules.

28. The dosage form of Claim 23 that is adapted for discreet self-administration.

29. The dosage form of Claim 23 that is adapted for nasal administration.

30. The dosage form of Claim 29 that is formulated as a nasal spray solution.

31. The dosage form of Claim 23 that is adapted for oral, buccal or sublingual administration.

32. The dosage form of Claim 31 that dissolves in the mouth without need for drinking water or other fluid.

33. The dosage form of Claim 31 that is a breath-freshening pastille.

34. The dosage form of Claim 31 that is a chewing gum.

35. The dosage form of Claim 31 that is a sublingual tablet.

36. The dosage form of Claim 31 that is a mucoadhesive film.

37. The dosage form of Claim 31 that is an oral strip.

38. The dosage form of Claim 31 that is an oral fast-melt tablet.

39. A method of treating sexual dysfunction in a subject comprising intraoral administration of a dosage form of Claim 1 to the subject, less than about 1 hour prior to sexual activity.

40. A method of treating sexual dysfunction in a subject comprising intraoral administration of a dosage form of Claim 23 to the subject, less than about 1 hour prior to sexual activity.

41. A method of enhancing sexual desire, interest or performance in a subject comprising intraoral administration of a dosage form of Claim 1 to the subject, less than about 1 hour prior to sexual activity.

42. A method of enhancing sexual desire, interest or performance in a subject comprising intraoral administration of a dosage form of Claim 23 to the subject, less than about 1 hour prior to sexual activity.